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- 1. The Senftenberg railway shops and locomotive sheds are nearly three times as large as those at Jueterbog and, at present, contain 60 locomotives, including 54 freight locomotives and 6 passenger train locomotives.
- There is a great shortage of materials. Bronze is completely lacking, and it is almost impossible to carry out repairs. Engine fitters never earn the weekly trade union rate of pay, because of the shortage of material, and since they are paid at piece work rates, many of them have to refund 30 - 50 marks to balance the books every month.
- 3. Since the coal dust is of considerably higher quality at Senftenberg, as compared with Halle, the 54 freight locomotives referred to above have been transferred from Halle to Senftenberg. Any that have not already been converted to burning coal dust are now being reconstructed for this purpose.
- In almost every case of repair to locomotives, it is first necessary to contact the various Reichsbahn districts and railway shops to find out whether the required parts are obtainable or where the repair work can be carried out.
- There is no reserve park of locomotives at Senftenberg.

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